

Senate Bill 99
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House Fish, Wildlife & Parks Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Joe Maurier, Director of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). I am here in support of Senate Bill 99.

SB 99 would provide for additional commission to be paid to FWP license providers for their services in the sale of Super Tag chances.

FWP currently has 300 license agents who sell licenses via the Automated Licensing System (ALS). The Department provides all computer equipment and license stock used by the license agents to sell licenses and issue permits. The Department also reimburses license agents with a \$25 per month connectivity fee, to compensate for cost of high-speed connections. FWP license agents are compensated for their service with a \$.50 commission per transaction. SB99 would provide additional compensation when Super Tag chances are sold.

The Department contracts with an E-Government Service Provider to sell licenses, permits, and make application via the Internet. A total of 89% of the Super Tag chances are sold through this service. The amendment to SB99 would exempt E-Government service providers from receiving the additional commission for Super Tags.

Keeping good customer relations with our license providers is an important goal for FWP, and we believe SB99 is a step in that direction. We encourage the committee to vote "do pass" on the bill as amended. Thank you.